# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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VIOLATION OF LABOUR LAWS BY FOREIGN BANKS
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that all India Bank Employees Association had gone on a token strike in protest against the violation of labour laws by foreign banks; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure compliance of Indian laws by the foreign banks ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) : All India Bank Employees` Association (AIBEA) went on a strike on 4th January, 2002 with regard to the dispute related to two issues -
(i) the transfer of some of the employees of Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) and
(ii) engagement of contract labour by SCB for data processing.Regarding the first issue, the Bank submitted that the transfer orders issued by the Bank are in line with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Standard Chartered Employees Federation (affiliated to AIBEA) on 6th November, 2001.A writ petition filed by the Standard Chartered Bank Employees Union before the Hon`ble High Court of Calcutta challenging the transfer orders was dismissed.The appeal filed by the Union in this regard was also dismissed. As regards data processing by SCOPE, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had permitted SCB to process the bacl office data through SCOPE, an Indian subsidiary of SCB Pic U.K. with the required regulatory safeguards relating to data segregation, data integrity, RBI`s access to the data, etc.